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evidently long and unremitting labor and research. And while they add nothing to the reach of our thought or the knowledge of fact on the subject, yet they do give us a clear, interesting and intelligible view of the road over which the English people have passed, in their long pilgrimage of nearly a thousand years, from William of Normandy to Victoria of England. *M. C. K.*

SHORT STUDIES IN EVIDENCE. By IRVING BROWNE. Albany, N. Y. : Banks & Brothers. 1897.

Mr. Irving Browne has collected into a single volume a number of papers on various topics under the law of evidence, which he has contributed at various times to the legal periodicals. No attempt has been made to produce a new work on the law of evidence; the twelve papers are entirely disconnected and are not even arranged in logical order of sequence. The title gives no idea of the contents and we can do no better than give the separate headings of the essays: Practical Tests in Evidence; Theology on the Witness-Stand; Evidence of Declarations and Reputations as to Private Boundaries; Parol Evidence to Add a Warranty to a Written Sale; Parol Admission of Contents of a Writing; Degrees of Secondary Evidence; Unofficial Entries by Third Persons; The "Excess and Deficiency Clause" in Bills of Lading; Of the Disqualification of Parties as Witnesses; Testimony of Parties on Criminal Prosecution; Parol Evidence in Respect to Writings Under the Statute of Frauds; Self-Serving Declarations. Many of these articles were written years ago, one as early as 1857, and great improvement could have been made in the practical value of the volume had some notes been added containing recent cases. Some of the "studies" are very entertaining, notably the first: Practical Tests in Evidence, and the eight hundred cases cited are of use as pointing to certain line of cases. The volume is ordinary size, containing 250 pages, and has appended a table of cases and index.

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SELECTED CASES ON THE LAW OF PROPERTY IN LAND. By W. A. FINCH, Professor of Law in Cornell University College of Law. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1898.

This work, as the preface informs us, "contains a classified selection of cases on the topics usually taught in our law schools in the course on "Real Property," and, as evidenced by the omission of head notes from the cases, is intended for use in those schools.

The analysis of the subject, and the classification of the cases are both excellent, though Chapter 3, of Part III. would seem to be superfluous in view of Chapters 3 and 4 of Part IV., which contain the same titles, illustrated by the same cases. The system of cross references by which one report of a case is utilized to illustrate several different topics seems a good one in view of the space limitation imposed by the author upon himself, though it may be that in